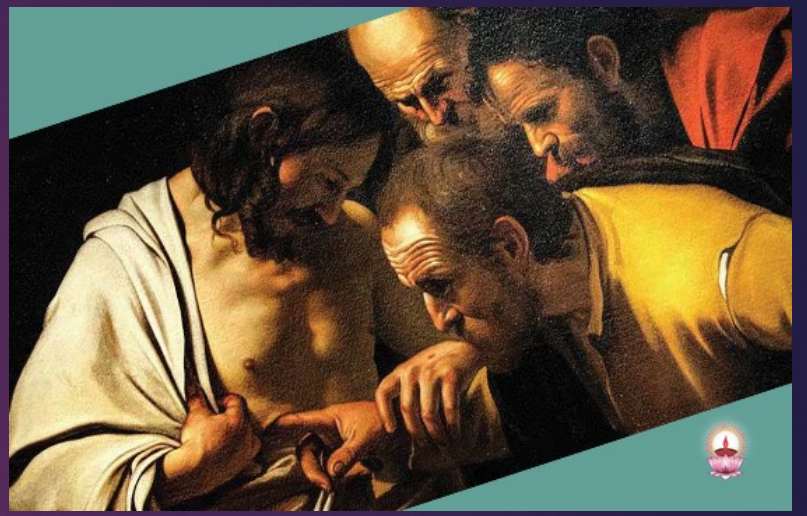
Why did Christ Die



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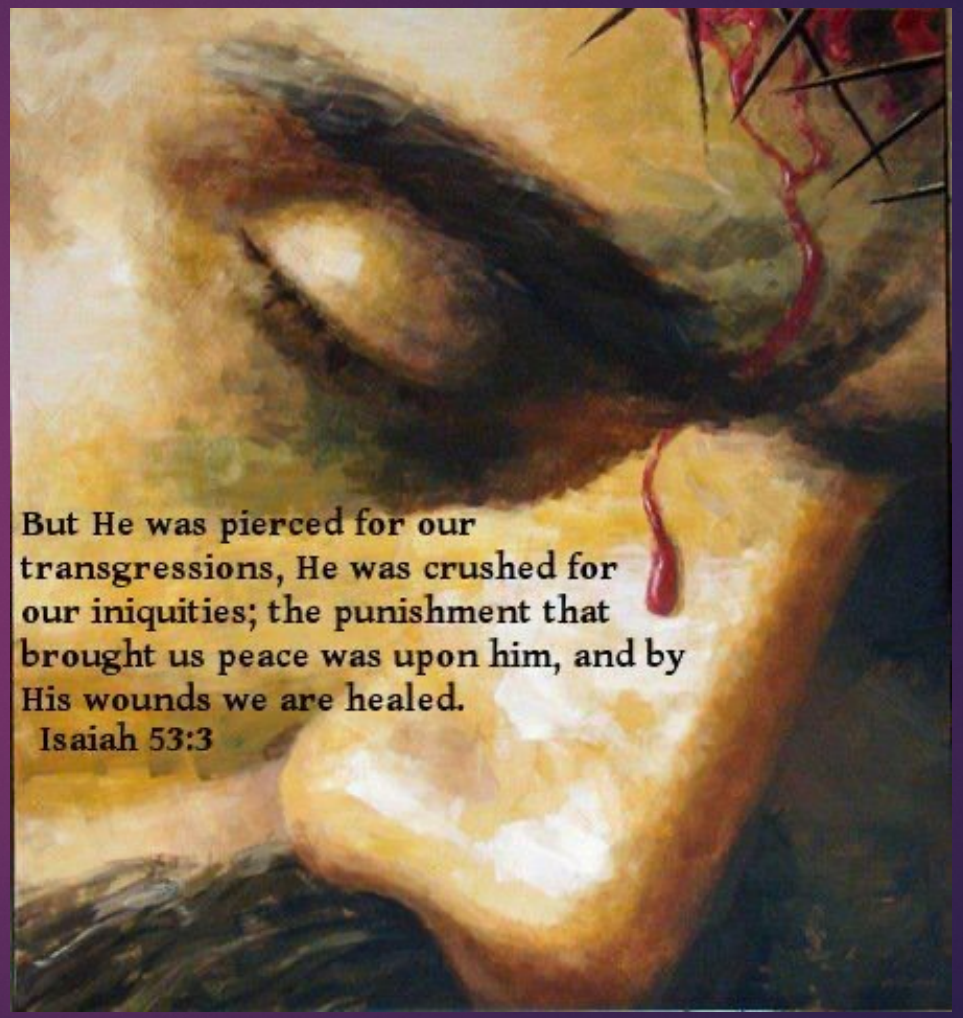
Instead of us

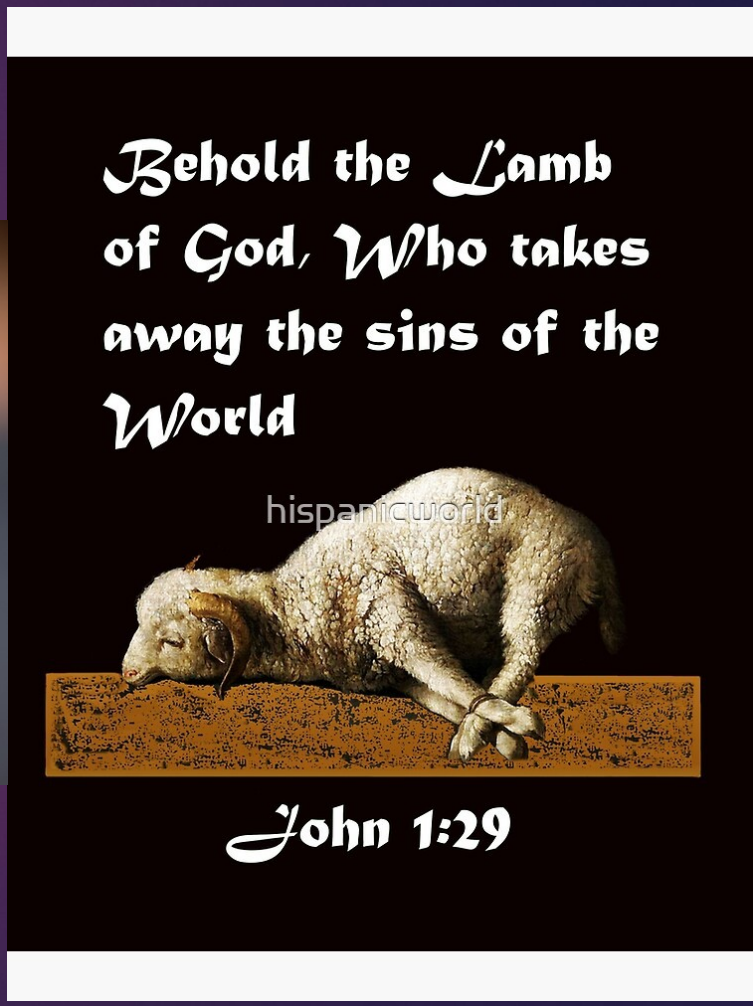
On the cross, Jesus died not only for us, but *as* us. We were buried with Him in His baptism into death and raised again to new life (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12).


But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by His wounds we are healed.
Isaiah 53:3

Crucifixion

Christ submitted Himself to the law (both the Jewish religious law and Roman legal law) and died under the law. We now live as God’s sons and daughters in the freedom of the Spirit. Christ fulfilled the sacrificial demands of the Old Covenant code. The lamb of God died as a one-time sacrifice, that all men may live in freedom .

“Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)



The reason for God's coming to Earth and His death

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they may have life, and have it in all its fullness (John 10:10)

Man was created for happiness, but sin ruined everything. Christ came to heal his creation from serious diseases, suffering and eternal death. THE PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH, BUT LIFE IS ETERNAL IN CHRIST JESUS (John 3:16, Romans 6:23).

A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.
John 10:10
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What was healed

The wounds of Christ have healed the whole human in

- mind,
- body,
- and spirit

We have been brought peace.

By His wounds, we are healed.

Flogged and Beaten

Christ was flogged and beaten following His trial by Pontius Pilate (Matthew 27:26; Mark 15:15; John 19:1). Blood and sweat covered the tortured body of Jesus. His blood ran freely. This same blood allows us the provision of divine health in our bodies as we pursue it and believe God. Jesus suffered in body so we may live in health and freedom in our physical bodies. By His stripes, we are healed (1 Peter 2:24).

What is lost in sin is found in Christ

From each of the sufferings laid on Christ, we freely receive the opposite.

- He bore the burden so we could freely receive the gift of eternal life.
- This eternal life includes an inheritance of healing.
- The wounds of Christ teach us about our heavenly inheritance.

Carrying the cross

Strength in weakness.

- So that we were strong and had victory. To carry your cross, means to fully put your trust in God amid the storms and battles in your life. It means that although you may be in an extremely difficult or painful situation, you always trust that God is with you in the midst of your suffering.
- As Christians, we try to live our life according to the will of God. We commit to following His commandments and we do not live as the culture tells us to. Living this way comes with persecut temptation, and pain. We must carry our cross for Jesus. He is with us each step of the way.

Human suffering

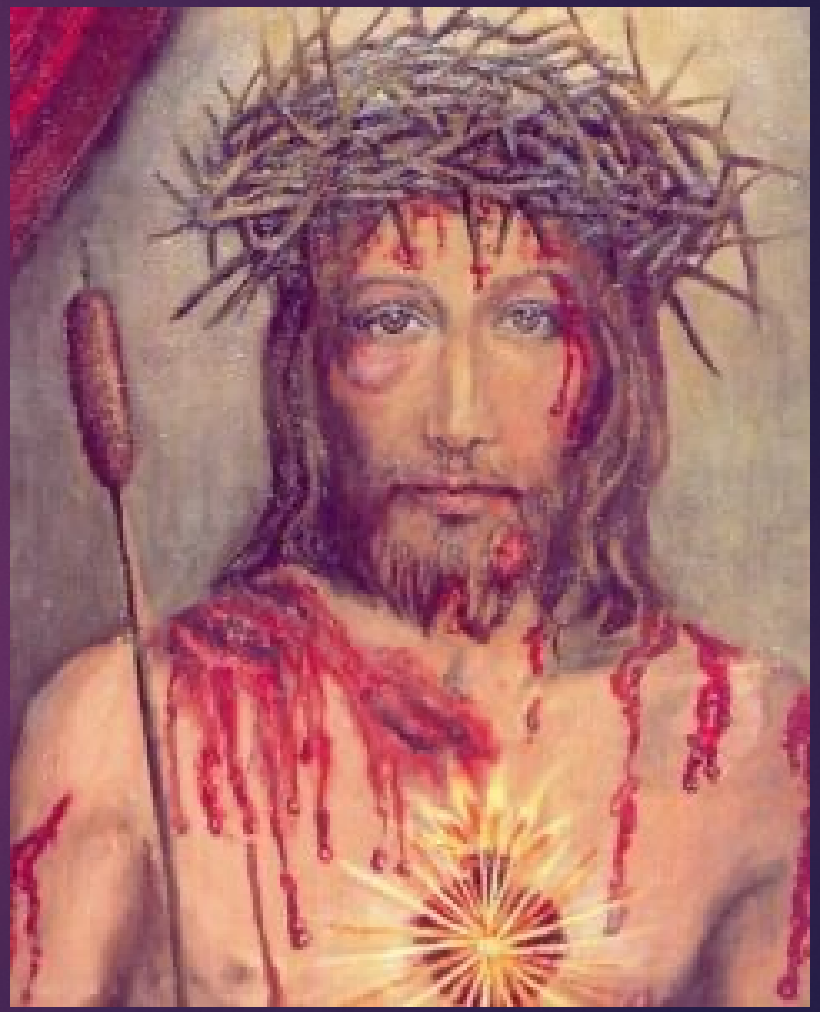
- Jesus didn't die on the cross to end human suffering. Just look around, the world is in pain. There starvation, natural disasters, crime, abortion and many other awful things. Christ became human and filled pain and suffering with His eternal presence.
- In the darkest moments of our life, or even the everyday struggles and temptations we face, Jesus is there.

Just as He willingly took up His cross for us, we must take up our cross for Him.

- Jesus’ command to “take up your cross and follow Me” is a call to self-abasement and self-sacrifice. One must be willing to die in order to follow Jesus. Dying to self is an absolute surrender to God.

Crown of Thorns

- Jesus’ crown of thorns allows us to wear His crown of righteousness.
- The crown of righteousness is the renewed mind, for we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).
- It is freedom from consciousness of sin.
- The crown of thorns symbolizes the toil and hardship resulting from Adam’s sin (Genesis 3:18). Christ, the last Adam, bore this toil and hardship to allow us to live in power, love, and a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).
- The human mind is healed in Jesus.



Hands and Feet

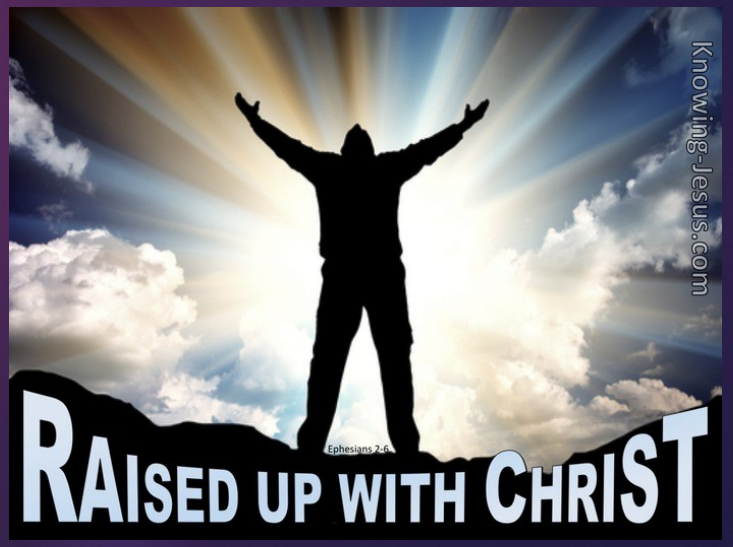
The hands and feet of Christ were nailed to the cross. Hands and feet are symbolic of *activity.* On the cross, the Word of God was hanged and impaled. There He suffered, static and immobile. We are anything but static and immobile - the Holy Spirit empowers us to walk in the works of our destinies (Ephesians 2:10). We have become His hands and feet on planet earth - bringing the good news to all and healing the nations.

He crushed death with death

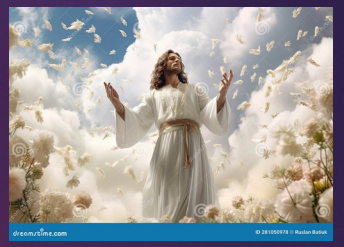
“I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, “I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction? (Hosea 13:14)

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel (Gen 3:15)

Ephesians 2: 6



Death

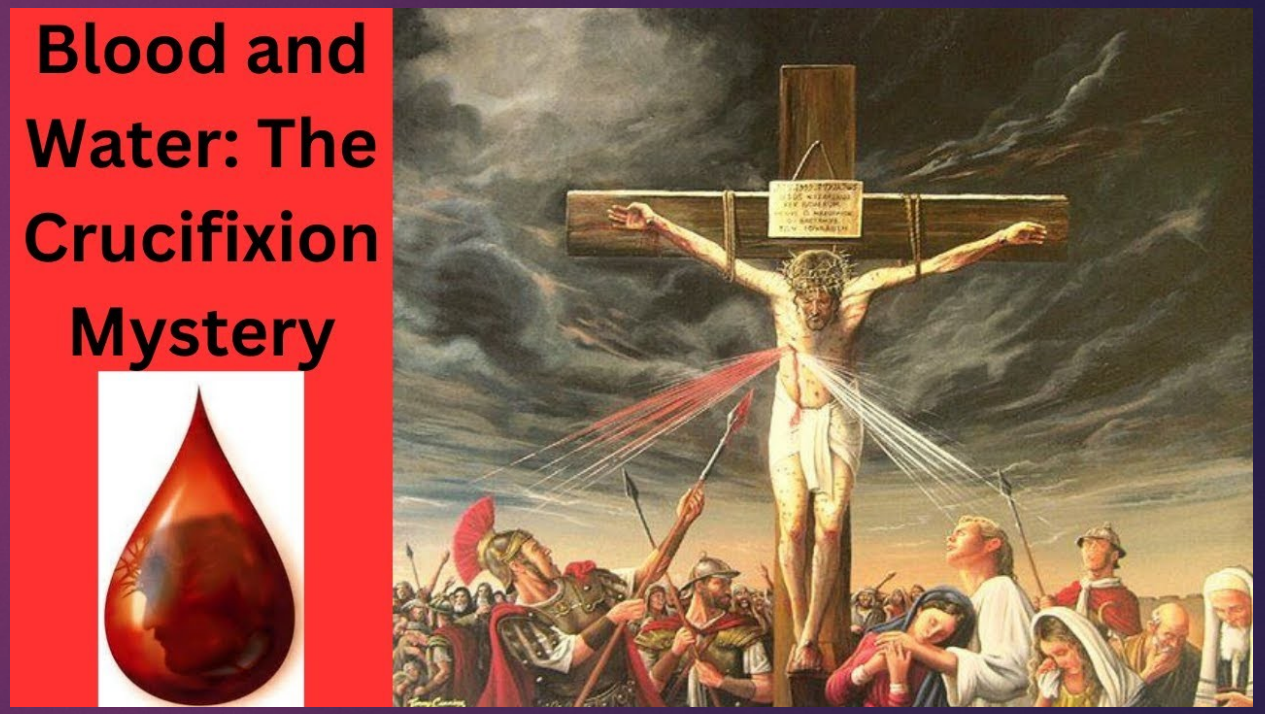


Christ’s death allows us access to eternal life.

- This eternal life is the restoration of mankind’s ability to abide in the presence of God - in this life and beyond.
- In Him, we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). In Christ, we have been raised to new life.
- We keep our eyes fixed on unseen realities (Colossians 3:1). We are seated with Christ in heavenly places,
- where we co-labor with Him in the healing of the world (Ephesians 2:6).

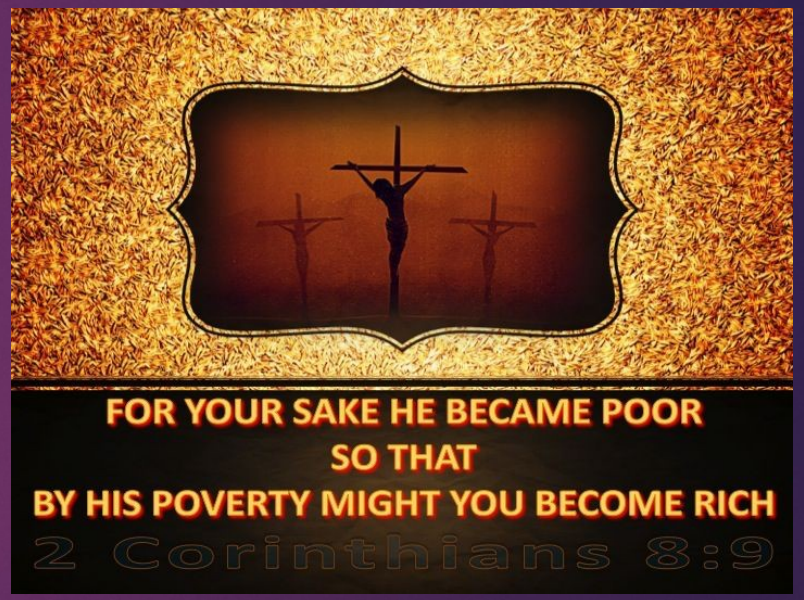
Pierced Side

A Roman centurion pierced the side of Jesus. From the wound flowed blood and water (John 19:34). We now have this blood and water flowing from within us. We have a river of living water flowing from our innermost being (John 7:38). The water that flowed from Jesus' side is our river of life. This water was a symbol of the spiritual water that had begun to flow in a dry and parched land. It is a symbol of the Holy Spirit's outpouring (Isaiah 44:3).



His poverty – our rich

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich (2 Cor 8:9).



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Thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:57